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NAZLINI MAN SENTENCED TO 33 YEARS IN PRISON FOR AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE

PHOENIX – Herbert Bernard Tracey, 44, of Nazlini, Ariz., was sentenced here on April 21, 2005 to 396 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone. Tracey had pleaded guilty to two counts of Aggravated Sexual Abuse on November 3, 2004 involving two separate victims.

In October 2001, Tracey physically assaulted a female relative in her home by hitting and kicking her. He threatened her with additional physical harm, dragged her from the residence, gagged and bound her then raped her. He told her to return to the house, but she ran to a neighbor's house and was taken to a hospital. In June 2002, Tracey accosted a woman who was jogging on the side of a road. He struck her in the back, twisted her arm, breaking it, and dragged her into the bushes where he sexually assaulted her for several hours. After the defendant left, the victim managed to get to a relative's home, where she was taken to the hospital. The defendant's description led to his apprehension and he was tied to the rape by DNA. The defendant has two prior convictions for sexual crimes.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI and the Navajo Department of Public Safety. The prosecution was handled by Dyanne C. Greer, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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